

The Witness of Peace

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JOURNEY TO IONA

This tiny island off the coast of Scotland has been a place of pilgrimage for centuries.

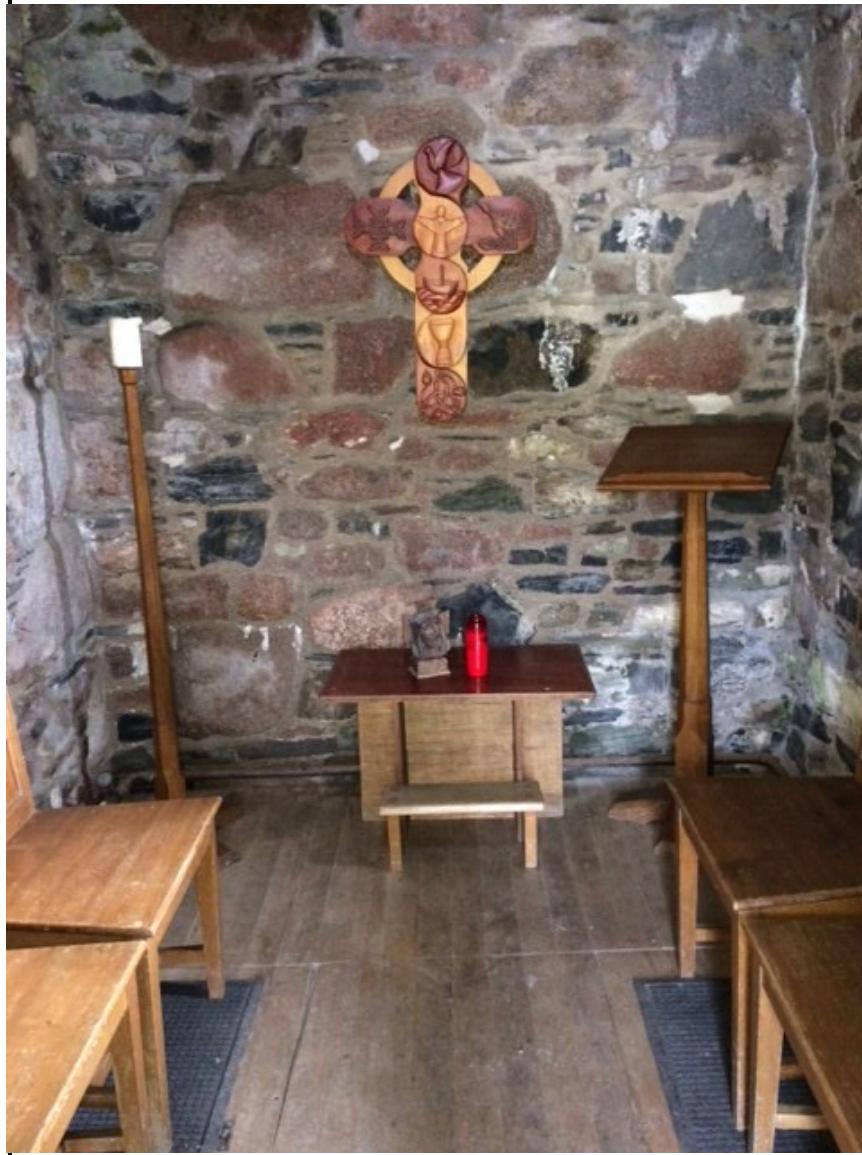
The tiny chapel pictured here marks the burial site of St. Columba,

who founded the monastery on Iona in the late 6th century.

Iona became a central site of Christian prayer and learning.

When much of Europe was in chaos, the light of faith was kept burning here.

-Pastor Annette

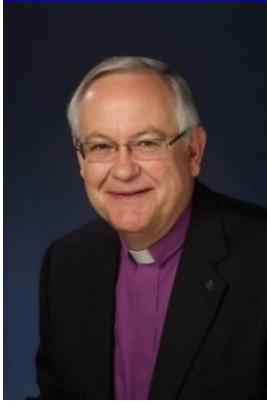


Touch the stones.
They're steeped in all our prayers.
Touch them with your softness,
Feel the laughter and the tears.

Kneel in quiet,
Kneel and add your prayers.
The church is full of memories,
Granite soaked for years.

Kneel in quiet,
Kneel, for God is here.

- Pat Robson, A Celtic Liturgy



Gratitude

Bishop Kirby Unti
 NW Washington Synod / ELCA
 From the November 2018 edition of *The Spirit*

One of the great joys of owning our boat is how many people comment on her name. When we are out on the water people will often pull along side and shout out, "I love the name of your boat." We hear this same comment dockside and from neighbors who walk by the house where we store the boat.

What is it about the name Gratitude that elicits such a response? It certainly wasn't the case with our first boat. It was named C-Sick and we received very few comments.

I only have hunches as to why it strikes such a strong chord with people. The most obvious is we live in such a cynical world that more often expresses complaint and criticism before it expresses gratitude. People delight in hearing a word of appreciation.

Gratitude is acknowledgement that one has received gift in their life.

Gratitude is the discovery that enough is more than plenty.

Gratitude is the recognition that we have received that which we do not deserve.

Gratitude is heartfelt - down in one's bones - appreciation and thanksgiving for the daily gifts that we receive.

God's people from the beginning of time have been taught to be people of gratitude. We most often express our gratitude through feasts. We gather around tables filled with plenty to give God thanks for delivering us from slavery to freedom, and from death to life. St. Paul discovered that when you approach life out of a sense of gratitude it allows you in all circumstance to feel content. Even in times of need or when one has little. In such times one still knows that we are being provided for.



I love being around grateful people. They are always people of joy and promise. Their posture is humble, and their lives are filled with appreciation. They are often people who have been through the most difficult of times and they tend to see the best in everything.

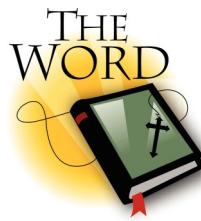
I am so grateful as your Bishop that so many of you are people of Gratitude.

May you be strengthened this Thanksgiving by knowing that God continues to provide us all that you need to be content.

Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

- Philippians 4:11-13 (NRSV)

Readings For November:



November 4th—All Saints Sunday

First Reading	Isaiah 25:6-9 or Wisdom 3:1-9
Psalm	Psalm 24
Second Reading	Revelation 21:1-6a
Gospel Reading	John 11:32-24

November 11th—Pentecost 25

First Reading	1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm	Psalm 146
Second Reading	Hebrews 9:24-28
Gospel Reading	Mark 12:38-44

November 18th—Pentecost 26

First Reading	Daniel 12:1-3
Psalm	Psalm 16
Second Reading	Hebrews 10:11-14[15-18]
Gospel Reading	Mark 13:1-8

November 22nd—Thanksgiving

First Reading	Joel 2:21-27
Psalm	Psalm 126
Second Reading	1 Timothy 2:1-7
Gospel Reading	Matthew 6:25-33

November 25th—Christ the King Sunday

First Reading	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm	Psalm 93
Second Reading	Revelations 1:4b-8
Gospel Reading	John 18:33-37



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<u>Our Mission Statement</u>
“Called by Christ to offer help, hope and healing.”

News from Josephine

A Time to Laugh



“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...a time to laugh; a time to mourn...” - Ecclesiastes 3:1, 3

As you can imagine, my work here at Josephine will see people through to the end of their earthly lives. Today, I am mourning the death of one of my colleagues. There is a “time to mourn”—and today, it is that time. It was her time to pass into God's loving arms—but we will truly miss this child of God.

What I would like to focus on today, though, is what we do up until then. Death will come on its own—with or without our help. We have become sort of experts on mourning and focusing on losses—and sometimes for very good reasons especially when our bodies are in ill health. What we may need to spend more energy on, though, is finding times of life and laughter in between. For as much as I believe that God is present when we pass, and I truly believe that—I also believe that God is present during the times we laugh—really laugh—that belly kind of laugh—that laughing out loud kind of laugh. I think it was for this that we were also made.

Did you catch the divine humor in the creation text we had a few weeks ago? As God was trying to find a partner for Adam, I could picture each animal coming up to Adam to present themselves: “moo?”...nah, that's not going to work...”chirp?”...mmm, no...”neigh?”...yeah, right, try again...”meow”...I thought we were trying for a partner, not a pet!... Also imagine the joy and laughter when Adam finally met Eve: “...at last bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh...”

I am also inspired by my colleague who just passed away. As she lived more than a year longer than the doctors originally gave her, there were certainly times of deep sadness as she faced the realities of her own mortality, but she also spent most of that time looking for life and laughter among her family and friends.

It is in that spirit that you will find me walking with folks both in their sorrows AND as I encourage them to discover times of joy and laughter. We laugh at worship as I find humor in reflecting about my own life in my sermons. Up in the Assisted Living Suites, we find laughter in a 75-year old comedian named, Jeanne Robertson (one of these days, I would love to get a collection of her DVDs to have on hand here), who once joking with one of her Baptist friends about playing the slot machines said: “It's not gambling, because gambling would mean that you would actually have the chance to win—if those dials happen to come up as “7-7-7,” and money started pouring out of those holes, that's not gambling, that would be called a *miracle!*” Can you hear the laughter and joy as I bring my English Bulldog to work with me—complete with her cute wrinkly face and stubborn personality? Pray that Josephine would not only be a place where folks might die well, but also a place where folks might discover laughter in the meantime and live! May our hard work in social justice also have this as a goal for all of God's children. We pray that *you* may also find time to laugh as well—and laugh out loud! -Chaplain Andy

November's Mission of the Month

What is Peoria Home all about?

Mission Statement: "We walk along a path of hope, healing and love with women who have survived lives of sex trafficking & prostitution as they courageously reclaim a life of freedom."



Peoria Home provides long-term secure housing with an array of support services for women with a history of sex trafficking, prostitution and chemical dependency. Services include therapy, drug & alcohol treatment, medical & dental care, legal services, educational opportunities and job training.

Just beginning: Peoria Home was established as a non-profit in Everett in 2014. Since then they have been doing various fundraising and outreach programs. They welcomed the first residents in their two year recovery program in February of this year.

Thinking about Baptism? Becoming a member?

Or just want to learn more about the Lutheran church?

Join Pastor Annette on **Sundays, November 11, 18 and 25** from 9:00-9:45 am, as we explore the bible, theology, liturgy and YOUR questions.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Peace Lutheran's September Financial Report

August

Donations / Expenditures

\$12,529.93 \$12,552.79

Mission of the Month: \$361.00—Lutheran World Relief's Shipping Fund

Parsonage Fund

Interest Income \$110.63

Year to Date

Donations / Expenditures

\$137,435.30 \$158,590.99

Balance \$123,589.40

2018 Budget

\$210,605.00

Average Donation Needed Each Month

\$17,550.41

Year to Date General Fund Donations Under Budget by **\$20,518.39**



Peace Lutheran Church Women

Fall is definitely in the air these days! We have been blessed with a lot of sunshine lately although the promise of rain hangs heavy in the air as I write this. October's Out To Lunch Bunch travelled to Leavenworth last week and it was a gorgeous drive through the canyons with the colorful foliage rising up the majestic mountains that surround us—my Bratwurst at Gustav's wasn't half bad either! Thank you to Carol and Stephanie for being our drivers. Please check out the calendar for November's Out To Lunch and Dinner events.

We are just days away from our annual Bazaar—lefse, flatbread, krumkake and more has been made en masse and is just waiting to be sold. Hopefully crafts are being made, quilt tickets sold, used treasures collected, gift cards purchased along with all the hustle and bustle of what makes this event so special. Not only is it our way of earning monies to support the many programs and projects that are important to the women of Peace Lutheran but it develops a keen sense of sisterhood and pride!

Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 7 with lunch beginning at 11:30 am (sub sandwiches, etc. provided). There is no set program for the day so we can spend more time reviewing the Bazaar during our meeting. We will be collecting Thankofferings on that day, as well as our regular offering, so please bring them along.

You will note the **Pilgrim Paddler** event highlighted in this newsletter. This is being sponsored by PLCW and we hope that you will all put it on your calendars to attend. An open invitation to local churches, paddle clubs and the general public has been extended and we are hoping for a really good turnout. As you can see lunch will be served after church so people don't have to leave between worship and the event. This will give others time to travel to our church following their own service times.

We will end this month with the celebration of Thanksgiving, a time to give thanks for all that God has given us. I hope that each of you is able to take some time for reflection of what that really means for you. I am mindful of close family and friends, a warm home, an abundance of food (not always a good thing ☺) and a gracious God whose love is never ending.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; his love endures forever."
(Psalm 118:1)

See you in church,
Debra Compton





Bi-annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 18, following worship

Please join us for an important conversation regarding congregational finances, the 2019 budget and electing new members to our church council. We are seeking to fill the following positions, which each have a two-year term:

Officer: Vice-President, two (2) general members

Mission of the Month Ballots

Several years ago Peace Lutheran members adopted a Mission of the Month plan for distributing part of our benevolences. **This program is for giving to outside organizations only.** They are not for local care needs of individuals or families and are also not used for mission projects like Guatemala and China. If you have questions about this please talk with Mary, Debra or Pastor Annette.

Please take a few minutes to reflect on organizations/agencies that are important to you, our church and our community and list them in the space provided on ballots. Ideas can also be jotted down on a piece of paper and placed in the wooden box located on the long table in the Narthex. We will tabulate your responses and post the results by the middle of December. Thanks for doing your part!

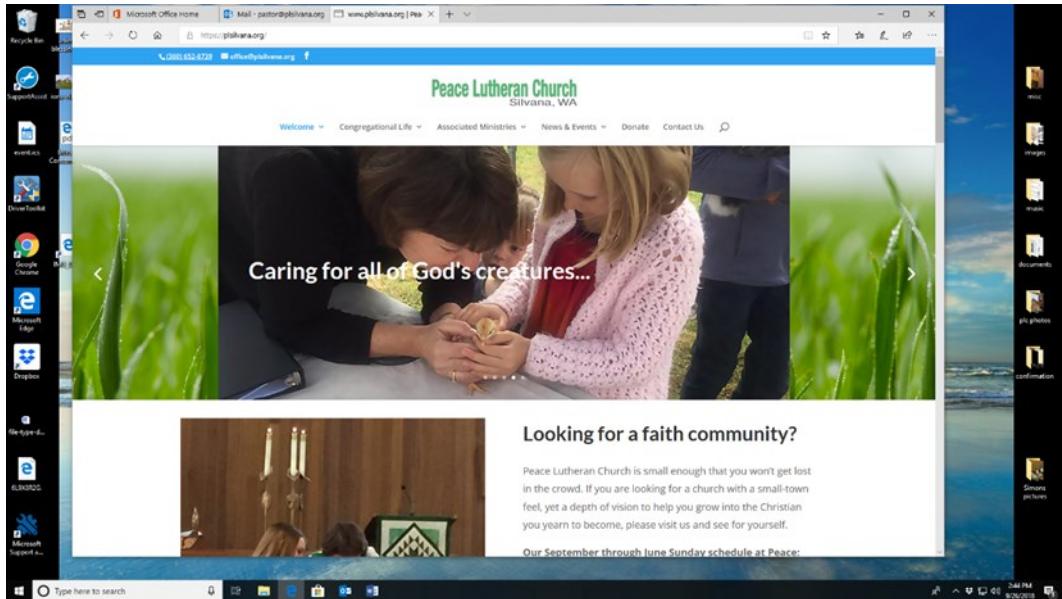


Let Us Give Thanks!

**Thanksgiving Eve service,
Wednesday November 21st, Noon**

Have you checked out our new website? Use it to keep up with Peace and to refer those who want to know more about our congregation.

www.plsilvana.org



Paddle Pilgrim

Dave Ellingson chronicles a month-long paddle adventure on the magnificent Sogne and Hardanger Fjords in Norway, where the author's ancestors emigrated from to America in the 1850's. The narrative weaves together three elements:

Paddle: daily detailed accounts of experiences on the water and in the mountains (what happened?)

Ponder: reflections on those experiences and their significance (what does this mean?)

Pictures: award-winning photographs which bring the experiences to life (what did I see?)

**Join us for this exciting event at
Peace**
Sunday—November 25, 2018
Lunch at noon
Program at 1:00 pm



*** Youth and Family ***

As I sit down to write this is the first game of the World Series, and I'm rooting for the Dodgers. You might be a Red Sox fan and that is ok as long as we can all celebrate the boys of fall. Oh- and that we all remember there is no crying in baseball even if the wrong team just hit a home run.

Well the weather is in the process of changing and hopefully you made it out to see the beautiful fall leaves before the rain. Here at Peace we are also in the process of changing from one season to the next and I'm trying not to jump ahead to Advent and instead just enjoy the moment. Youth and family nights will be focusing on change and how we can be a part of change for Jesus in a positive light. We meet on Wednesdays at 6pm. We start with dinner and then continue on with a craft or game. For the month of November we will be collecting canned vegetables each Wednesday for the local food bank. If you would like to contribute please drop off your canned vegetables in the grocery cart.

On the 6th of this month the Out to Dinner group will be going to a Vietnamese restaurant, Pasteur's, that comes highly recommended. There is always room for more people to join us, please come and join us for some lively conversation and some much needed laughter. We will meet at the restaurant at 5:30 or you can car pool from Peace at 4:45.

Out to Lunch Bunch will be traveling to Marysville on the 13th to try out a new to us restaurant. The plan is to leave from Peace at 11:15 and arrive at the restaurant at 11:40. Please sign up to go, so that I can make reservations.

I've already mentioned Advent, so this year Advent family nights start on the 28th at 6 pm and yes we are having themed pot-luck meals. The very first meal will be soup, but not just any soup; this soup must be a completely new recipe to you. The nights will begin with dinner and then we will have a message followed by a craft. The entire evening is family focused and is meant to be enjoyed by God's children of all ages. If you are in need of a ride please give me a call and transportation can be arranged.

MJ

Mission Team



The Mission team is hosting Bingo on the 11th. The monies raised will go towards tuition for children wanting to go to English Camp in Wuhan China. In January Peace will be sending a team to Wuhan to help with Winter English camp. The theme is farm camp and the team will be using farm life to teach English. The doors will open at 5 pm and games will begin at 6 pm. Dinner will be a baked potato bar with all the trimmings.



Christmas Party

Make a Joyful Noise **Christmas Pot-luck**

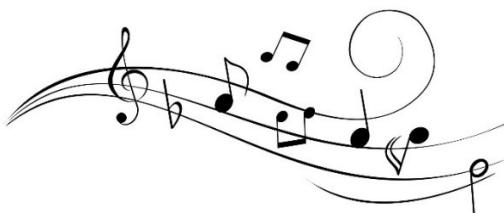
This year instead of our usual adult Christmas dinner we will be having a Christmas lunch on December 2 at noon! PLCW will be providing the main dish, prime rib and ham. The remainder of the dinner will be pot-luck. The congregation is asked to bring the side dishes, salads and desserts. For entertainment there will be Karaoke. Please sign-up so we will have your favorite music ready! There will also be a sign-up to "adopt a table centerpiece". Volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up of the event will be greatly appreciated.

November Birthdays

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| 1 | Jim Lux |
| | Bill Rod |
| 3 | Journey Grant |
| 9 | Shirley Cupic |
| 12 | David Sather |
| 14 | Ruth Schei |
| | Sunny Moyer |
| 21 | Connie DiGregorio |
| 24 | Patti Vroman |
| 25 | Joan Johnson |
| 28 | Elizabeth Hubbard |
| 29 | Ron Cabe |



PLCW serving group for November:
Group #4, Ashley Kombol
Remember to keep coffee time simple!



Time to sing a new song!
Our beloved organist/pianist,
Pam Holdal, is planning to retire
from her regular musical
commitments here at Peace.
Plan to join us on
All Saints Sunday, November 4
to celebrate her 27 years of leading
us in worship.
(Don't forget to "Fall Back"!)



Support Peace Mission
Wuhan China

Bingo

Sunday November 11th

Viking Hall Silvana

Snack bar opens at 5pm

Games start at 6pm





ALL SAINTS' DAY

November 2018



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Food Bank Item: Canned Veggies				1 All Saints 9:00 Rommegrot making Pastor Annette returns	2 All Souls 12:00 AA	3 10-2 BAZAAR 4:00 LWCH Wedding
4 Time shift 9:00 Sunday School for all 10:00 All Saints Worship Pam's Retirement	5 10:00 Women's AA 5:00 Pills Anonymous 5:30 Lydia	6 Vote 4:45 Out to Dinner Group to Pastuer's in Everett 12:00 AA	7 10:30 AlAnon PLCW 11:30 lunch 12:15 meeting 6-Youth & Family 6-Confirmation @ Our Savior's, Arl 6:30 AlAnon 12 Step Study	8	9 12:00 AA	10 8:00 Men's Breakfast 10-3 Freeborn Craft Fair
11 Veteran's Day 9:00 Sunday School & New member class 10:00 Worship 5:00 Viking Hall Bingo	12 10:00 Women's AA 5:00 Pills Anonymous 6:00 4-H family night	13 11:15 Out to Lunch Bunch, Marysville 12:00 AA	14 9:30 Naomi 10:30 AlAnon 11:30 Esther 6:00 Youth & Family 6:30 AlAnon 12 step study	15 10:00 LWR Quilting Gathering place 4:30 prep 5:30 dinner 6:00 4-H Foods	16 12:00 AA	17 4:00 Lutherwood auction at Our Savior's Everett
18 9:00 Sunday School & New member class 10:00 Worship 11:30 Congregational meeting	19 10:00 Women's AA 5:00 Pills Anonymous	20 12:00 AA 6:00 District AA	21 10:30 AlAnon 12:00 Thanksgiving Eve Service 6:00 Youth & Family 6:30 AlAnon 12 Step Study	22 Thanksgiving Office Closed	23 12:00 AA	24 8:00 Men's Breakfast
25 9:00 Sunday School & new members class 10:00 Worship Paddle Pilgrim 12:00 Lunch 1:00 program	26 10:00 Women's AA 5:00 Pills Anonymous	27 12:00 AA	28 10:30 AlAnon 6:00 Advent Family night 6-Confirmation @ Our Saviors, Arl 6:30 AlAnon 12 Step Study	29	30 12:00 AA	

Peace Lutheran Church

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November Schedule

**9am Sunday School for all ages and
New member class beginning November 11
Worship 10am at Peace
Congregational Meeting, November 18, 11:30
Thanksgiving Eve Service, November 21, noon
Youth and Family-Wednesdays at 6pm**

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